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SUBJ: CIVAIR - NWA SCHEDULE CHANGES

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1. EMBASSY ON APRIL 16 FILED NWA'S PROPOSED JUNE 1 SCHEDULE.

2. AS INDICATED REFTEL, CHANGES INVOLVE SUBSTITUTION OF B747'S FOR DC-10'S ON TRANSPACIFIC FLIGHTS 3 AND 6. NWA ALSO ASKING FOR CAPACITY CHANGES IN FAR EAST SERVICE, INCLUDING TWO ADDITIONAL B-747 FLIGHTS BETWEEN TOKYO AND TAIPEI AND SUBSTITUTION OF B-747 FOR B-707 ON TWICE-WEEKLY FLIGHT TOKYO-NAHA-MANILA. JCAB (TOYA, DEPUTY DIR, INTNL AFFAIRS DIV) TOLD EMBOFF INFORMALLY THAT LATTER CHANGES POSING DIFFICULT PROBLEMS FOR JCAB.

3. CONCERNING JAPAN-TAIWAN ROUTE, TOYA SAID GOJ URGENTLY SEEKING TO RESTORE SERVICE BY JAPANESE CARRIER AND UNTIL THIS ISSUE SETTLED REQUESTS BY FOREIGN CARRIERS TO INCREASE FREQUENCIES TO TAIPAASAALL BE DECIDED ESSENTIALLY ON BASIS QTE POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS UNQTE. WE POINTED OUT THAT NWA SCHEDULE WAS FILED PRIOR TO BREAK IN JAPAN-TAIWAN AVIATION RELATIONS AND THAT ITS REQUEST FOR TWO

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ADDITIONAL FREQUENCIES ON TOKYO-TAIPEI ROUTE THEREFORE

COULD NOT BE CONSTRUED AS EFFORT TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF
SUSPENSION JAL SERVICE. THUS, WE URGED THAT JCAB AVOID
RELATING THIS REQUEST IN JAPAN-TAIWAN DISPUTE.

4. ON QUESTION OF NWA'S PROPOSED CAPACITY INCREASE ON
TOKYO-NAHA-MANILA ROUTE, TOYA INDICATED THAT DECISION
WOULD BE TAKEN IN LIGHT OF JCAB POSITION AS EXPRESSED IN
FONOFF LETTER OF APRIL 5, 1973 (TOKYO A-365, 4/13/73).
AS DEPARTMENT WILL RECALL, THIS LETTER INDICATED THAT ANY
QTE SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE UNQTE OF CAPACITY IN SERVICE
TO OKINAWA BY US CARRIERS DURING FIVE-YEAR PERIOD FOLLOW-
ING REVERSION WOULD BE UNACCEPTABLE TO GOJ. EMBOFF
REMINDED TOYA THAT WE HAD ALREADY INFORMED BOTH JCAB AND
FONOFF THAT USG DOES NOT ACCEPT JAPANESE POSITION ON
OUR OKINAWA AVIATION RIGHTS AND STRONGLY URGED THAT JCAB
NOT TAKE ACTION BASED ON POSITION EXPRESSED IN APRIL 5
LETTER. (COMMENT: JCAB DIRECTOR GENERAL TERAJ
PROMISED ECONCOM/COUNS EARLY APRIL THAT JCAB WOULD
DISCUSS OKINAWA ISSUE WITH EMBASSY AS SOON AS PRC
NEGOTIATIONS CONCLUDED. WE ARE IN PROCESS ARRANGING
SUCH A MEETING FOR WEEK OF MAY 20.)

5. TOYA SAID HE WOULD HAVE CLEARER IDEA OF JCAB POSITION
ON NWA SCHEDULE WITHIN WEEK OR TEN DAYS. WE WILL FOLLOW
UP AND REPORT FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS AT THAT TIME.
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